Table S3: Comparative analysis of multiple alignment programs

Genome	Self- alignment	Clustering	Multiple alignment	$S_n$ *	Sp*	$R_{CC}$
D. mel.	BLASTER	GROUPER	MAP	80.34%	85.89%	66.20%
		RECON		92.31%	73.17%	66.20%
		PILER		62.39%	84.17%	51.50%
		GROUPER	CLUSTAL-W	80.34%	85.89%	66.20%
		RECON		91.45%	72.06%	20.60%
		PILER		62.39%	84.17%	51.50%
		GROUPER	MAFFT	78.63%	85.89%	64.70%
		RECON		92.31%	73.17%	54.41%
		PILER		62.39%	84.17%	51.50%
		GROUPER	PRANK	80.34%	85.89%	66.20%
		RECON		92.31%	72.95%	61.80%
		PILER		62.39%	84.17%	51.50%
A. tha.	BLASTER	GROUPER	MAP	60.33%	82.42%	39.00%
		RECON		73.77%	61.70%	43.50%
		PILER		47.21%	57.33%	32.45%
		GROUPER	CLUSTAL-W	60.00%	82.42%	38.30%
		RECON		73.11%	60.33%	29.20%
		PILER		47.21%	57.33%	32.45%
		GROUPER	MAFFT	60.00%	82.42%	39.00%
		RECON		74.01%	61.21%	40.25%
		PILER		47.54%	57.33%	32.45%
		GROUPER	PRANK	60.00%	82.42%	39.00%
		RECON		73.77%	61.61%	39.00%
		PILER		47.21%	57.33%	31.80%

 $S_{n}\mbox{*:}$  percentage of "knowledge-based" consensus sequences matching a  $\mbox{\it de novo}$  consensus sequence

 $R_{\text{CC}}$ : percentage of fully recovered "knowledge-based" consensus sequences

 $S_p^*$ : percentage of  $de\ novo$  consensus sequences matching a "knowledge-based" consensus sequence